ARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to available information, 1104 police personnel have been killed during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 (till 15.11.1991).

(b) Adequate steps have been initiated to counter the designs of the militants.

Withdrawal of Army from Assam

553. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to any Press reports emanating from Assam for the withdrawal of army from Assam; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The army has been deployed in Assam in aid of the civil authority at the request of the State Government and the situation is under constant review.

Meeting of National Integration Council

554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the issues that wese discussed at the recent meeting of the National Integration Council; and

(a) what are the issues that were discussed at the recent meeting of the Babri Masjid-Ramjanambhoomi issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Communal Harmony: Ram Janama Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue.

(b) The enclosed Resolution was passed which is given in the statement. It was also agreed that a Standing Committee of the National Integration Council will be set up.

Statement

Resolution adopted by the National Integration Council at its Meeting held on 2nd Novembebr, 1991 at New Delhi.

The National Integration Council views with deep concern the deterioration in the communal situation in the country during the last two years, which have witnessed increasing communal tension and serious incidents of violence leading to heavy loss of life and property. Along with the continuing activities of terrorists and militants in certain parts of the country, communal animosity can seriously undermine the national unity. The Council reaffirms the resolve of the people to resolutely meet any challenge to the country's unity and integrity and its secular democratic polity.

The Council noted that one of the factors which has added immensely to the build-up of communal tension is the Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute. The Council expressed its concern at the recent happenings in Ayodhya and hoped that such situations will not recur.

The Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid dispute has continued to evade a satisfactory solution. The Council appeals to all concerned parties and organisations to work towards an amicable, negotiated solution of the dispute in a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding.

The Council noted the following assurances given by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: